

# Welfare Center Taking Quarters In C. of C. Office

### Activities of War Chest in Area to Be Centralized Here

Alterations are being made in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce quarters at Sartori and Post avenues this week to accommodate an area branch of the County Council of Social Agencies. The office of the War Housing authority is being moved from the chamber's offices to an adjoining store space in the same building.

Ralph T. Shaw of the county War Chest staff is here representing C. W. Pfeiffer, director of the Council of Social Agencies, through which the War Chest activities are administered.

The Torrance Welfare Center, as the new office will be designated, will serve as a clearing house for agency activities in the area surrounding this city and business offices in Maywood, Hawthorne, Inglewood and other cities will be channeled through here.

A full-time representative will be stationed here, Shaw said, and will be able to furnish information to any person seeking charitable or other assistance from any of the 92 welfare agencies participating in the social agencies council.

The aim in establishing the Torrance center is decentralizing of the agencies' work, Shaw said. The local representative will be a person familiar with this district and its requirements. The local advisory council of the War Chest will be able to present its recommendations directly to this office, obviating the necessity of going to the headquarters.

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# Dan Cunningham Dies In Action

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham of 1743 Gramercy ave., Tuesday received word from the war department that their son, infant Private Dan E. Cunningham, 19, had been killed in action in the Southwest Pacific.

Dan Cunningham enlisted in the army in May of last year. He has two brothers in the service now, Kenneth and Pat. Another brother, James, and one sister, Kathleen Cunningham, live here with their parents.

The family came to Torrance about nine months ago from Duluth, Minn. The elder Cunningham is an engineer in the employ of an insulating company.

Two gold stars thus have been added to Torrance's honor roll in the space of a week. Jesse Johnson, 19, Navy, lost his life in the South Pacific, his parents were informed last week.

# Torrance Brass Foundry Given Bond Citation

During the Fourth War Loan campaign in Torrance, employees of the Torrance Brass Foundry subscribed 30 percent above their quota, which called for everyone on the payroll to buy a \$100 bond.

This week the company received an engraved citation from the United States Treasury Department in recognition of this response. The citation says:

"For patriotic cooperation rendered in behalf of the war finance program this citation is awarded to Torrance Brass Foundry.

"Given under my hand and seal on March 22, 1944.

"HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR., State Chairman."

# Condemnation Suit Planned by Board

On motion of Supervisor Oscar Hauge, the county council was instructed at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors to institute condemnation proceedings for the improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. between Rosecrans and Redondo blvd.

The Torrance city council has under consideration condemnation action against a property holder in connection with the so-called "Crenshaw short cut."

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# Columbia Steel Breaks Records For Production

A total of 445 production records have been broken by the two California works of Columbia Steel Company, a U. S. Steel Corporation subsidiary, since Dec. 7, 1941, W. A. Ross, president, announced this week.

To date the Pittsburg works is credited with breaking 310 production records, while the Torrance works has established 135 new records. These records include all types of products manufactured by the company, such as steel castings, welding rods, wire rope, nails, reinforcing bars, structural shapes and sheets.

Among the outstanding records are those established by both works in the shipments of finished products for the first quarter of 1944 when Pittsburg and Torrance works exceeded all previous first quarter records. Last month the two works combined broke 18 records, including the production of ingots and hot metal, rods, wire and nail products, and steel castings for the U. S. Navy, Army Ordnance and Maritime Commission.

# Death Comes to W. W. McCarrell

Wallace Worth McCarrell, 74, pioneer farmer of the Palms Verdes district, died in a Los Angeles hospital Tuesday as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Inglewood chapel of the McMillan Mortuary. Interment will be in Inglewood Park cemetery.

McCarrell, who owned property in Torrance and Redondo Beach, was widely known and had numerous friends here. The following sons and daughters and 12 grandchildren survive: Roy and Raymond McCarrell of Palms Verdes; Mrs. Minerva Stump, Mrs. Grace M. Witt and Mrs. Mae Blossom Nugent.

# Public Schools Week Brings Concert by Noted Young Pianist

Attending pupils of Torrance High school and their parents will be present to hear a performance of the noted concert pianist Reid Nibley in the school auditorium next Thursday morning.

Nibley, a Brahms enthusiast, is at present affiliated with the music department of the Los Angeles City College, but will presently go east to continue educational studies. The talented young pianist was at one time a pupil of the Thomas Starr King Junior High school in Hollywood when Harold Perry, principal of Torrance High, was vice principal of that school. Although open house and other things incidental to Public Schools' Week are impossible this year because of the war, Principal Perry extended a special invitation this week to all parents to visit the school during the annual observance from April 24 to 28 and to all who appreciate cultural music to attend the concert.

# Fred Miller Jr., Knocks Off 10 Japs, Hand-to-Hand

Pvt. Frederic W. Miller, Jr., who still is as much interested in the news of his classmates and other friends at the Torrance High school as he is in helping win the war, looked up in his trench in New Guinea and stared straight into the faces of ten Japs.

Fred's tommy-gun, his rifle and trench knife all saw action—right now. One by one the Japs went down. The trench knife came in handy in polishing off the last two. And then they took Pvt. Miller to a field hospital to patch up his wounds.

In a letter written March 26 to Miss Irene Mills, one of his high school teachers, Frederic said he was "still plenty bomb-happy."

"All in all," he writes, "we are a pretty good outfit and hard to beat. But I can say that of the cavalry, too."

Miller is in the amphibious engineers. His particular job when he's not knocking off

# NEW LIEUTENANTS



LIEUTENANT NOW . . . J. A. (Jim) Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Daniel, 1527 218th st., last Saturday became a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and is home on a two-weeks' visit.



OFFICER AT 19 . . . Lt. Frank Kelley is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kelley, 917 Anapola ave. He received his silver wings Saturday in graduation exercises at Aloha Field, Victoria, Tex.

Jimmy Daniel came home this week on a 14-day leave from the Army Air Corps, wearing the bars of a second lieutenant, which he earned after 14 months of study and training as a cadet. He was graduated from the Army flying field at Marfa, Texas, last Saturday.

His mother and father are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Daniel of 1527 218th st. The family has lived in Torrance for 17 years. Jim is a graduate of the local high school, class of 1941. He had two years at U.C.L.A. before Uncle Sam took him for training as a pilot.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kelley of 917 Anapola ave. are enjoying a today visit by their son, Frank, who last Saturday was graduated as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps at Aloha Field, Victoria, Tex. Lt. Kelley, who has not been home in 14 months, arrived yesterday and is seeing as many of his old friends and high school classmates as possible. He was graduated from the Torrance High school in 1942. He becomes an army officer at the age of 19.

# Tolson Named Mayor; Babcock Out by One Vote Plans No Recount

Torrance today has a new mayor, but at the same time one who is not new to the office—William H. Tolson, who polled the highest number of votes at the April 11 city election—one new councilman and one "holdover."

The election results were officially canvassed by the council at a special meeting Tuesday night. A resolution certifying the count of votes as correct was adopted and Tolson, George V. Powell (re-elected) and Merton Gilbert, who begins his first term, were sworn in by City Clerk Al Bartlett.

There was a near-capacity "house" in the council chamber as the defeated mayor, Tom McGuire, and Councilman L. Vern Babcock, also defeated for reelection, relinquished their seats to their successors. Before stepping out, McGuire and Babcock made short talks in which they thanked their colleagues on the council, city employees and citizens and welcomed the new members.

Councilmen James E. Hitchcock, N. H. Cucci and Powell also made brief addresses. Tolson and Gilbert will hold office for four years. Tolson was a member of the council for six years, from 1934 to 1940, and was mayor for the last three years of that time.

Absentee Tally Tuesday night's special session was the second this week. Monday evening six absentee ballots cast at the election were opened. In the tabulation of these, Tolson gained six votes; Babcock five; McGuire three; Gilbert three and Paul Findley, defeated candidate, one.

In the final tally, Babcock stood just one vote behind Gilbert, the count being Gilbert 64, Babcock 64. One vote would have tied them and the toss of a coin or any other selected method of lot would have been necessary to decide the winner. After the canvass, Babcock said he would not ask for a recount, but relied upon the accuracy of the election officials in counting the votes.

The state recount law, as explained by City Attorney John E. McCall, provides that when a canvass of votes changes the previous official results, of an election, the municipality must stand the expense of a recount. If the canvass fails to change

# War Housing In Area Still Acute

Appointment of Guy Leonard, Bellflower Chamber of Commerce secretary, as chairman of the Los Angeles county war housing committee today was heralded as recognition that the Bay district is a most critical war housing area of the southland. Leonard officially took office this week at Los Angeles, succeeding Phillip Norton, Seal Beach subdivider.

In a report to the county committee Eugene Weston, Jr., regional director of the National Housing Agency, said that more than 90 percent of all federally financed war housing in the nation is concentrated in California. Of the California quota, the bulk is in Los Angeles county and in the county the majority is located in the south county area around Long Beach and Torrance and the harbor area. Weston also stated that 76,000 units of housing for war workers have been scheduled for the county, with the harbor area still presenting greatest demand for projects.

Certification of 5,000 eligible applicants monthly for rental or purchase of war housing units by National War Housing Centers of the county was reported by Paul F. Williams, executive director.

# 'Shellacking' With Paint Can in Fight Puts Man in Hospital

During a fight in a pool hall in the Old Pueblo last Friday night, Gilberto Roque, 213 Borden ave., took a shellacking with a five-gallon paint can, according to a police report. He was treated at Torrance Memorial Hospital for severe lacerations after he had been taken there in the Stone & Myers ambulance.

According to the police, Roque was involved in a dispute with Jesse and Felix Hernandez, addresses not given, was knocked down and then hammered with the heavy paint bucket.

A taxi driver called to pick up Roque refused to take him as a fare and the police intervention followed.

# Girl, 18, Held As Drunk Driver

An 18-year-old girl, Miss Florence McMann, employed in a Gardena home, will go on trial before City Judge Otto Willett at 9 a. m. tomorrow on charges of driving while drunk and operating an automobile without a driver's license.

She was arrested by Police Captain F. J. Schumacher and Sergeant H. E. Barner after she allegedly had run into a tree, hit a police car and driven over the curb at Carson st. and Plaza del Arno.

She entered a plea of not guilty. There is nothing in the evidence to show that Sgt. Garner ever had any experience at "bull-dogging" steers, but he got some experience in bull-dogging a sedan while trying to arrest Miss McMann. He was about to open the door of her car when the girl, according to the police report, started off.

Garner clung to the door handle and running board while the auto pursued its erratic course, into the tree, into the prowl car, over the curb and finally to a halt on a lawn. The captain witnessed this unscheduled rodeo event but forgot to hold a stop watch on Garner's time.

Just before Miss McMann's case was called Judge Willett assessed a fine of \$75 on Harvey M. Keith, who admitted having a light truck that also needed roping. It was his employer's truck and Keith was taking some fellow employees home from work when he tried to make a U turn on a blind street. The only trouble was, he told Judge Willett, that he failed to see a house at the end of the street at 4955 Hickman drive.

He was trying to back around on the front lawn when the police were called. He paid the fine.

# New Bus Link With Compton

The Compton-Gardena bus line has started operation from the Pacific Electric depot, Willowbrook ave. and Compton blvd., connecting Red Line trains with the yellow Los Angeles lines at 104th and Western, through the city of Gardena.

Half-hour service is provided until 9:30 a. m. when the time is reduced to one hour. Hourly service is maintained until 1:30 p. m., when half-hour service is again resumed, lasting until 7:30 p. m. From then on until 12:30 p. m. runs are made hourly.

The Gardena municipal buses provide transportation between the two cities for 10 cents, with easy transfer to Torrance municipal bus lines on Figueroa st. for an additional 5-cent fare. This latter provision will aid many Compton persons employed in Torrance war plants and is expected to enable those plants to recruit more war workers.

# Traffic Safety Record of City Is Recognized

Torrance was placed today on the honor roll of the National Traffic Safety Council for going through the entire year of 1943 without a traffic fatality. The contest was for cities with population between 5000 and 10,000 and only 156 cities in the entire United States won the honor.

The contest was conducted by the National Safety Council.

Each of the cities winning the award will receive a certificate of commendation in recognition of its outstanding work in the traffic safety field.

# HE'S MAYOR AGAIN



SEATED . . . William H. Tolson, mayor of Torrance between 1937 and 1940, back on old job by vote of city council.

# Rites Held for John E. McIntier

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Church of the Nativity for John Ernest McIntier, 57, a welder in the employ of the National Supply company and a resident of Torrance for 30 years. Rev. Father Joseph Bauer officiated. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Torrance was an infant community when McIntier came here to live and he was among the most widely known residents of the city. He died last Friday.

A native of Nebraska, his home was at 1735 Gramercy ave. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anne McIntier, and the following sons and daughters: John E. Torrance; Raymond J. and Joseph G., in the Army; Sr. Theresa Marie of Madera and Teresa Alice, of Torrance; two brothers, Harry E. and Raymond, Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Lee of San Francisco; and a sister, Mrs. Cora Benton of Colorado Springs.

The funeral was under the direction of Stone & Myers Mortuary.

# Rule Explained on Special Gas Permit To Get Medical Aid

Chairman Frank Daniels of the local war price and rationing board today explained a serious misunderstanding of regulations which exists on the part of the public in regard to permits for special gas allotments for visiting doctors, dentists or hospitals.

Daniels said the board will grant special gasoline for this purpose, but applications must be made in advance (with the exception of medical emergencies). Gas which is used for visits to a doctor cannot be replaced after it is used, he said. The board, naturally is interested in the health of the citizens and we will issue special gas permits in any legitimate case of this sort," he said.

# City Attorney M'Call Faces Wager Trial Monday Evening

"What is your plea, guilty or not guilty?" will be the question City Attorney John E. McCall will have to answer Monday evening when he goes on trial before the membership of the Kiwanis club on a charge of failing to pay a \$5 fine arising out of a bet he allegedly lost to Kiwanis President Jack Barrington.

The case has assumed such proportions that District Attorney Fred N. Houser will personally handle the prosecution. McCall has retained Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena to defend him. Carrell announced today that among his character witnesses will be Judge LeRoy Dawson.

Judge Charles Burnell of Los Angeles, widely known jurist, accepting the defense plea that an outside and disinterested judge hear the charges against McCall, will occupy the bench. A motion for a change of venue was denied Defense Counsel Carrell after stiff opposition on the part of the district attorney.

# City Red Cross Campaign Goal Appears Certain

With contributions continuing to dribble in, it appeared certain today that Torrance has passed its goal of \$50,000 from individuals and small businesses in the 1944 Red Cross war fund canvass. Mrs. Lola Hoover, chairman of the division of solicitors who conducted this phase of the campaign, said slightly more than \$100 remained to put the city over.

Hilman Lee, chairman of the industrial division, has expressed confidence its quota of \$10,000 will be met.

The Torrance Rotary club has voted \$75 to the fund, which has not been accounted for in the following additional list of donors, compiled by the Red Cross Monday night:

Joshua Hendy Co.	93
Longren Aircraft Co.	112.88
Torrance Masonic Lodge	25
H. T. Olsen	25
Mrs. Florence Eynon	12
C. E. Houts	10
J. M. Christensen	10
Audrey Bacon	10
Mrs. Howard Brady	6
Albert Donaldson	5
Mrs. Robert Marlon	5
Lottie Shaw	5
J. H. Bush	5
Leslie Prince	5
"Punkey" Palmer	5
Jack Dabbs	5
Glady's Traub	5
L. M. Crans	5
Mrs. Irene Hopkins	5
Mrs. C. Day	5
Anonymous	5
R. D. Williamson	4.50
782 subscriptions	14
1881 subscriptions	18
Anonymous	1.25
TOTAL	\$401.63

# Police Cars In Three 'Scrapes' With Imbibers?

Torrance police cars are taking a beating at the hands of drunken drivers (not officially reported).

Both "prowl" cars have been hit in one manner or another, one of them twice, in the last week. In each case a motorist under the influence of liquor was blamed. The blue radio cars has one very badly smashed fender as a result of one of these incidents.

The fines levied in police court on the drivers more than pay for the damage, however. One of the convicted drunk drivers told the judge he was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, a nationwide organization of mutually helpful nature, composed of reformed drinkers. He said he'd fallen off the wagon after nine months, the night he hit the police car.

# Exchanging of CD Gas Masks Urgent

Fire Chief John E. McMaster and Police Chief John Stroth today jointly announced it is extremely important that gas masks issued to citizens under the Civilian Defense program be turned in and exchanged for the new model now being issued.

All but a few of the 407 masks issued in Torrance already have been exchanged for the new type.

# 996 New War Housing Units Are Authorized

### FHA Says Priorities Available; Torrance Included In Area

An additional quota for priorities for new construction of private war housing, already programmed by the National Housing Authority, will provide for 996 new dwelling units in the Torrance-Redondo Beach-Compton area, the Herald was informed yesterday.

The new dwellings will be in the \$40 to \$50 monthly rental bracket and no restriction against children will be permitted.

The area in which the new construction is authorized is bounded on the west by the ocean shoreline, on the north by Rosecrans boulevard, on the south by Sepulveda boulevard, and its Willow street extension, to Atlantic avenue, which is the boundary on the east.

This area includes the localities of Torrance, Gardena, Lawndale, Moneta, Manhattan Beach, North Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Compton, Los Cerritos and Dominguez. All the incorporated territory of the cities of Redondo Beach and Compton are included specifically.

McGovern Explains John E. McGovern, district director of the FHA in Los Angeles, issued the following statement:

"The quota permits the construction of 996 new dwelling units in the \$40-\$50 monthly shelter rental bracket, to be constructed in the area bounded on the west by the ocean shoreline, on the north by Rosecrans boulevard, on the east by Atlantic boulevard and on the south by Sepulveda boulevard and its extension on Willow street, the area to include, however, all the incorporated territory of the cities of Redondo Beach and Compton.

All applications for priorities under this quota must agree, prior to approval of the application by the Federal Housing Administration:

(1) To register with the War Housing Centers all units under construction by them under this quota, giving starting dates, current progress (Continued on Page 7-A)

# C. of C. Budget Meeting Off

The special meeting of the city council Tuesday night conflicted with the scheduled meeting of the Chamber of Commerce membership which was to have been held at the city hall and the latter gathering was cancelled after many plant executives and other chamber members had left.

Secretary Harry Lewis said today no date has been set as yet for the meeting, which will discuss the Chamber of Commerce budget and activities of the next year.

The proposed budget for the chamber, showing estimated income and estimated expenditures, which was to have been submitted at the meeting set for Tuesday night, follows:

Estimated Annual Budget Salaries (secretary, stenographer-clerk, janitor, labor, etc.), \$7,500; rental, \$600; telephone, postage, \$200; public relations, advertising, promotion, travel, \$1,000; utilities, heat, light, telephone, \$180; printing, mimeographing, \$150; supplies, materials, \$120; miscellaneous, reserves, donations, subscriptions, etc., \$230; Total, \$9,880.

Less sub-rental to War Chest, \$500; less charges to clubs, etc., for mimeographing, services, \$100; final total, \$9,520.

Estimated Revenue Five major industries @ \$400 per annum, \$2,000; Joshua-Hendy Iron Works, Columbia Steel Company, National Supply Co. (Continued on Page 6-A)

# Funeral Services For Mrs. Groppa Planned Saturday

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a. m. for Mrs. Hilda S. Groppa, 52, of 1050 Maple ave., who died Tuesday after a short illness. She was a native of Missouri, but had lived in Torrance for 18 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Martin H. Groppa, one widow, Mrs. R. E. Stone, and two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Biron of Riverside and Mrs. Emma Weber of El Cajon. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the McMillan Funeral Home in Gardena and the Rev. David F. Barnett of Gardena will officiate at the service. Interment will be in the Angelus Abbey mausoleum.